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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU TERMINATES THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE INTEROPERABILITY CENTER PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By this Public Notice, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (“Bureau”) terminates the authority of and dissolves the Emergency Response Interoperability Center Public Safety Advisory Committee (“PSAC”).¹ Established on August 6, 2010, the PSAC, formed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act,² was charged with making recommendations to assist the Commission’s Emergency Response Interoperability Center in developing a technical framework and requirements for interoperability to ensure that the public safety wireless broadband network is interoperable on a nationwide basis. On February 22, 2012, the President of the United States signed into law the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Spectrum Legislation).³ Among other things, this new law establishes the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and directs the Commission to reallocate the 700 MHz D block spectrum and existing public safety broadband spectrum to FirstNet.⁴ FirstNet is charged with ensuring the building, deployment, and operation of the nationwide public safety broadband network,” and must establish a new “standing public safety advisory committee” to assist it.⁵

In light of these changed circumstances and statutory directives, the Commission formally terminates the PSAC. The Commission and ERIC thank the members for their dedication and contributions to the work of the Commission.

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Action by the Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

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¹ See FCC Announces Members of the Emergency Response Interoperability Center Public Safety Advisory Committee, *Public Notice*, DA 11-196 (rel. Feb. 22, 2011); 47 C.F.R. § 0.192(b).

² See 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The Commission published on July 23, 2010, a notice of its intent to establish the PSAC. See 75 Fed. Reg. 43164 (2010). The charter was filed on August 6, 2010.

³ Pub. L. No. 112-96 (2012).

⁴ *Id.* §§ 6201(a); 6204.

⁵ *Id.* §§ 6205(a); 6206(b)(1).